

In Celebration of The Life of



Grace D. Osborne

April 8, 1920

April 4, 2012

Service

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

116-42 Farmers Blvd.

St. Albans, New York 11412

*Canon Bernard O.D. Young, Officiating
Mr. Donald B. Morton, Organist*

Obituary

A daughter of springtime, **Grace** came into the world like a lion and went out like a lamb. Hers was a life lived with dignity and grace.

Grace Desdemona Osborne (nee Fergus) was born April 8, 1920, in Toronto, Canada. She was educated in the Toronto Public School system.

Grace met the love of her life, Joseph Thomas Osborne, in Toronto. They married on January 4, 1949, immigrated to the United States and settled in New York City. From this union came three daughters, Michelle Maria-Anne, Catherine Elise and Jennifer Margaret. Joe preceded her in death in 1989.

A career woman, Grace held secretarial positions at hospitals around New York City. She found her calling as an Administrative Assistant in the office of the SEEK Department at York College. There “Mrs. Osborne” gave counsel to Professors, Counselors and Students alike. She worked her way up to the Executive Assistant to the Director of the SEEK Program, and Dean of Students. After many years of service, Grace retired in 1985. A truly creative person, Grace filled her days with reading, knitting, beading, crafts and more reading. She traveled and took continuing education classes. Her favorite class was Chinese air brushing. For her efforts in this arena, she received her “Chop”. Grace was also very involved in her community. She was a long-standing member of The Merrick Marsden Neighborhood Association, where she acted as secretary for many years. Grace also sat on the Board of Directors of the Myrtle P. Jarmon Child Care Center. She was a board member for four years, and the board President for six years. She was still very active with the board until the last few years.

Grace a.k.a. Daisy, lived a life full of love and laughter. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was known to have a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eyes. She was looked up to by family members as someone who would listen and then give sage advice. She never had an opinion that she did not feel the need to voice, or that she felt you would not be the better for knowing it! To those of us who knew and loved her, she was simply AMAZING!

Grace leaves to mourn her loss her devoted family: daughters, Michelle M. Golphin, Catherine E. Osborne-Alexander and Jennifer M. Osborne; grandson, Joseph T. Osborne-Reed; granddaughter, Kendall E. Alexander; great grandson, Jaylin D. Osborne-Reed; great granddaughter, Madison J. Osborne-Reed; “son”, Stephen A. Alexander; sister, Catherine F. Dyett; nephews, Joseph Reid and Oris Fergus; god-daughter, Rosemarie Babb; cherished cousin and friend, Florence Daley, the Daley and Babb families; a host of family and friends; and her beloved cat and constant companion, Pixie.

Mass Of Resurrection

The Rev. Canon Bernard O.D. Young, DD *Rector*

The Rev. Margaret Blackett *Deacon Assistant*

Mr. Donald B. Morton *Organist/Choirmaster*

LaVerne Mitchell *Soloist*

PRELUDE **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

Hymn **“This Is My Father’s World” - 651**

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Readings **Wisdom 3:1-5,9**

Psalm 23 - Pg. 612

Revelations 21:1-4

Hymn **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” - 207**

The Holy Gospel John 14:1-6

Homily

The Nicene Creed **Pg. 496**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL **Pg. 497**

The Peace

Hymn **“Alleluia Sing To Jesus” - 460**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Proper Preface Of The Resurrection **Pg. 361**

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking Of The Bread

Angus Dei:

The Distribution Of Holy Communion

(To Family and Friends)

Solo **“He Looked Beyond My Fault”**

Hymn **“The Day Thou Gavest Lord Is Ended” - 24**

Post Communion Prayer **Pg. 498**

Closing Hymn **“The Strife Is O’er” - 208**

The Commendation

POSTLUDE **“Festival Toccata” - Fletcher**

Interment

**Nassau Knolls Cemetery
Port Washington, New York**

*Thus the spirit separates itself from the body and
walks into the world of substance,
passing like clouds over the valleys of sorrow and
mountains of happiness
until it meets the breeze of death and returns to it's
starting place,
the endless ocean of love and beauty
which is God.*

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Acknowledgements

*The family of **Grace D. Osborne** thanks everyone for their prayers and sympathy during this difficult time. Memories are always a source of comfort. We know that she will always live in our hearts. God bless you, and may you always live with the grace of God.*

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